

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8. These sheets, which include Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, replace the original sheets including Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (3)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 11-14, and 23-32 are pending in this application. Claims 7 and 11-14 are amended, Claims 8-10 and 15-22 are canceled, and Claims 23-32 are added by the present amendment.

Amendments to the claims find support in the application as originally filed at least in the specification at page 11, line 5 to page 12, line 10, page 14, lines 3-22, and Figs. 3-8. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action dated January 21, 2009, the specification was objected to; the drawings were objected to; Claims 7-12, 14-20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,550,587 to Yuasa et al. (herein “Yuasa”); and Claims 13 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Yuasa and JP 01242378 to Fukumizu.

Initially, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of an interview with Examiner Salata on February 6, 2009. During the interview, rejections in the Office Action and differences between the claimed invention and references in the Office Action were discussed. Comments and claim amendments discussed during the interview are reiterated below.

Regarding the objection to the specification, the specification is amended to correct a minor informality. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Further, with regard to the objection to the drawings, Figures 3, 5, 7 and 8 are amended to correct a minor informality. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to the drawings be also withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 7-12, 14-20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Yuasa, with respect to amended independent Claim 7 and added independent Claims 27 and 30.

Amended Claim 7 is directed to a destination floor registering apparatus of an elevator installed in a hall or a car of an elevator and configured to register a desired destination floor of a user. The apparatus includes, in part, multiple destination buttons each configured to register a destination floor, and a floor information display provided for each of the destination buttons and configured to display content from an operation surface of each of the destination buttons. The floor information display is also configured to display registration information on an operation surface of one of the destination buttons corresponding to the desired destination floor of the user to indicate that the desired destination floor of the user is registered. The floor information display displays the registration information by a gradual change in colors, characters, or graphics.

As discussed during the interview, Yuasa and Fukumizu fail to teach or suggest a floor information display that displays registration information by a gradual change in colors, characters, or graphics.

Yuasa describes an operating board for an elevator that expands an area and color of a destination floor registering button 11 when operated. Thus, Yuasa fails to suggest displaying registration information by a gradual change in colors, characters, or graphics. Fukumizu also fails to teach these features.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted amended Claim 7 patentably defines over Yuasa and Fukumizu.

Added Claim 27 is directed to a destination floor registering apparatus of an elevator installed in a hall or a car of an elevator and configured to register a desired destination floor of a user. The apparatus of Claim 27 includes multiple destination buttons each configured to

register a destination floor and a floor information display provided for each of the destination buttons and configured to display content from an operation surface of each of the destination buttons. The floor information display is also configured to change a location of one of the destination buttons to indicate that the elevator will not stop at the destination floor.

As discussed during the interview, Yuasa and Fukumizu also fail to teach or suggest a floor information display configured to change a location of one of the destination buttons corresponding to a desired destination floor of a user to indicate that an elevator will not stop at the destination floor. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 27 and claims depending therefrom also patentably define over Yuasa and Fukumizu.

Added Claim 30 is directed to a destination floor registering apparatus of an elevator installed in a hall or a car of an elevator and configured to register a desired destination floor of a user. The apparatus includes multiple destination buttons each configured to register a destination floor, and a floor information display provided for each of the destination buttons and configured to display content from an operation surface of each of the destination buttons, display information on an operation surface of one of the destination buttons corresponding to the desired destination floor of the user, and reduce a size of the displayed content on the operation surface of the one of the destination buttons to indicate that the desired destination floor of the user is registered.

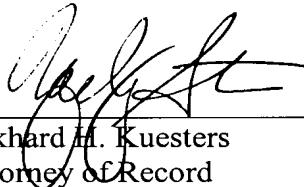
As discussed during the interview, Yuasa and Fukumizu also fail to teach or suggest a floor information display that reduces a size of a display content on an operation surface of a destination button to indicate that a desired destination floor of the user is registered.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 7, 27, and 30, and claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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